

REMARKS

Election/Restriction

In the Office Communication of October 14, 2004, the Examiner imposed a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 having identified five purportedly distinct inventions.

I. Claims 1-9 and 25, drawn to a method of conducting a transaction which can be maintained between parties from inception to enforceable contractual acceptance on multiple platforms, classified in class 705, subclass 1.

II. Claims 11-24, drawn to a method and system of managing bidding in a computer facilitated auction for a predetermined amount of time, classified in class 705, subclass 37.

III. Claims 26-30, drawn to a system for obtaining a reservation comprising a server configured to store denied reservation requests, classified in class 705, subclass 5.

IV. Claims 31-35, drawn to a method of performing a transaction comprising receiving and notifying a user of an event, classified in class 705, subclass 14.

V. Claims 36-38, drawn to a method of providing a selling service which includes the determining geographic location of the wireless access device and designating one or more merchants using the geographic information, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

Applicants traverse the restriction; however, Applicants hereby elect to proceed with examination of Group II (Claims 11-24), and cancel the claims of Groups I, III, IV and V (Claims 1-10 and 25-38) as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

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